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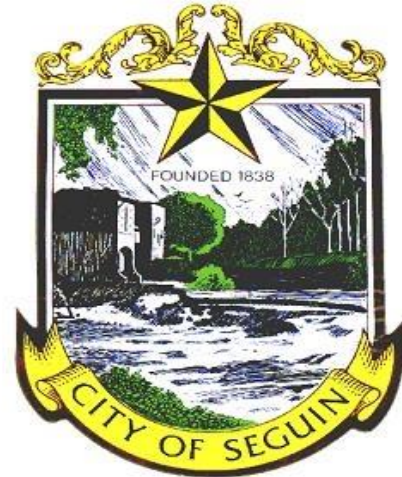
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## **Texas Ladies State Donates to Parks and Recreation**

***Funds Will Be Used At Max Starcke Park***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – A recent generous donation from the Texas Ladies State Chili Championship will soon benefit visitors of Max Starcke Park.

“We are very thankful to the Texas Ladies State Chili Championship for making this very generous donation,” Seguin Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones said. “We’re honored that the group continues to choose Max Starcke Park for their annual chili cook-off.”

The Texas Ladies State Chili Championship donated \$4,000 to the Seguin Parks and Recreation Department on May 14. The check was presented at the Patricia Irvine-King Large Pavilion at Max Starcke Park. King was executive director of the Ladies State Chili Championship for more than 20 years. The pavilion was named in her memory last year.

“Patricia Irving King made it possible for us to use the park for our cook-off,” Texas Ladies State Chili Championship Director Patsy Kimball said. “She always gave a donation to the parks department and it’s the right thing to do.”

The donation will be used to purchase and install outdoor exercise equipment near the Pecan Bottom Multi-Use Trail at Max Starcke Park. The equipment will include several stations and should be installed in June.

“I think we need to give back to the ones that give to us. The Parks and Recreation Department does a lot for us by getting the park ready for all the motor homes, campers, electricity and so on,” Kimball continued. “We never get a complaint from anyone about the park, only complements about how nice it is. It’s just the perfect place.”

The Texas State Chili Championship held their 44<sup>th</sup> cook-off at the park on April 12, 2014. The group also thanks the Seguin Convention and Visitors Bureau for their assistance with the event.



Texas Ladies State presents \$4,000 to the Seguin Parks and Recreation Department. The funds will be used for improvements at Max Starcke Park. Picture left to right: Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Crystal Miranda, Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Helena Perez, Texas Ladies State board member Sabrina Klietz, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor Jason Hesskew and Texas Ladies State Director Patsy Kimball.

#### **About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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